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FBI

Date: 4/26/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

SUBJECT: HURKIN

Enclosed herewith is one Gilbey's Gin bottle made available by [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., on 4/25/68.

On 4/25/68 [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., who is employed as a [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., appeared at the FBI Office at Philadelphia, where he related the following information:

On the evening of 4/6/68 he had encountered on the street near his home an individual who used the name of [redacted] advised [redacted] was very cold and as a result, [redacted] took him to his home where he stayed for the evening and left the following morning.

According to [redacted] resembled the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY which appear in both the Time Magazine issue of 4/26/68, and the U.S. News and World Report issue of 4/29/68 and the pictures appearing on Identification

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4 - Bureau (44-38861)(Enc. 1)(RM)
1 - package
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Order #4182 dated 4/20/68.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] told him that he was in Philadelphia to visit some friends with whom he had been in the service, but that when he went into a movie, his wallet was stolen and he did not know how to get in touch with these individuals.

[redacted] advised this individual said he had come from the State of Alabama and spoke with a Southern accent. He advised he appeared to be slightly illiterate and a bigot. He advised this [redacted] made reference to the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and said he believed the individual who did the killing would get a lot of money.

[redacted] stated this individual wore a dark blue sportshirt, with long sleeves; dark blue trousers; white sox; and black shoes, without any outer clothing in spite of the cold weather.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had slightly stooped shoulders, pock marks on the back of his neck and shoulders, but he did not recall any scar on his forehead.

[redacted] furnished a gin bottle which he indicated [redacted] had handled on four or five occasions. He stated that he and [redacted] were the only ones who had handled this gin bottle and he stated he felt that his and [redacted] fingerprints could be obtained from this bottle to determine definitely if this individual were identical to [redacted].

He advised he knew of no additional pertinent information relative to [redacted] which would be helpful in locating him.

The Identification Division is requested to compare the latent fingerprints developed from the enclosed empty bottle of Gilbey's Gin with the known fingerprints of RAY and advise the Philadelphia Office.

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The Identification Division is requested to dispose of the above bottle after the examination is completed.